

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism for a printer such as a wallpaper printer, the slitting mechanism comprising:
 - a chassis having end plates;
 - the end plates being separated by a transverse portion of the chassis to allow a web of media to pass between them;
 - ~~one or more~~ a rotating carousel of four rotating slitting shafts arranged about a central support shaft extending between the end plates, each slitting shaft having one or more slitters at least one slit arranged along its length in a predetermined position different from those of the slitters of the other slitting shafts, each slit having a cutting edge; and
 - the slitting mechanism selectively engageable to either enter or not enter a path followed by the web according to an input provided by an operator of the printer.
2. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
 - the slitting mechanism further comprises a pair of rotating end brackets between which extend the ~~one or more~~ slitting shafts and the support shaft, at least one of the brackets rotated by a motor carried by ~~an~~ one of the end plate ~~plates~~.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
 - a guide roller which extends between the end plates and under the path of the media;
 - the guide roller having a number of circumferential grooves, one groove corresponding to the location of each ~~cutting disk~~ slitter associated with the slitting mechanism.
5. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, further comprising:
 - ~~a guide roller which extends between the end plates and under the path of the media;~~

~~the guide roller having a number of circumferential grooves, one groove corresponding to the location of each cutting disk associated with the slitting mechanism;~~
~~each slitting shaft having an arrangement of cutting disks on it and wherein each~~
shaft is positionable such that each ~~cutting disk~~slitter carried by a selected shaft enters a corresponding groove of the guide roller when the selected shaft is rotated into a cutting position.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slitting mechanism is configured:

~~the slitting mechanism rotates to be engaged~~ into a selected position in response to a signal from a processor in a self contained wallpaper printer in which the mechanism is located; and

so that the position of the slitting mechanism determining in relation to the path followed by the web determines a width or widths of wallpaper output from the printer, based on a discrete number of width options provided to the operator, ~~an operator's selection being determined by the processor from an input provided by the operator to the printer.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a transverse cutter extending between the end plates;

the ~~blade~~transverse cutter supported at each end to perform a cutting motion which begins on one side of the web and finished on an opposite side of the web.

9. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 8, wherein:
one end plate supports a motor which is coupled to the ~~blade~~transverse cutter.

10. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 8, wherein:
the ~~blade~~transverse cutter has a driven end that is carried eccentrically by a rotating member.

11. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 10, wherein:
each end of the ~~blade~~transverse cutter is carried eccentrically by a rotating member.

12. (Original) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the end plates have extending between them a pair of entry rollers in proximity, at least one of the entry rollers being powered.

13. (Original) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 12, wherein:
the end plates have extending between them a pair of exit rollers in proximity, at least one of the exit rollers being powered.

14. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
~~the end plates have extending between them a pair of exit rollers in proximity, at least one of the exit rollers being powered;~~
one each of the entry and exit rollers is powered by a single motor carried by the chassis.

15. (Original) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 14, wherein:
the one each of the entry and exit rollers are powered by a belt which passes around the one each of the entry and exit rollers and a rotating shaft associated with the motor.

16. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 15, wherein:
the belt is external to ~~an~~ one of the end plate plates which carries it.

17. (Currently Amended) A slitting mechanism as claimed in claim 8, wherein the transverse cutter is configured:
to perform the cutting motion is initiated by in response to a signal received from a processor in a self contained wallpaper printer in which the cutter is located; and
so that the operation performance of the cutter determining cutting motion determines a length of wallpaper output from the printer, the based on a length being determined by an input provided selected by an operator of the printer.

18-47. (Cancelled)